



# Western and Central North Dakota

## March – May 2014

### Climate Outlook



**National Weather Service  
Bismarck, ND**





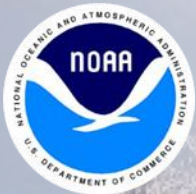
# Climate Outlook Highlights



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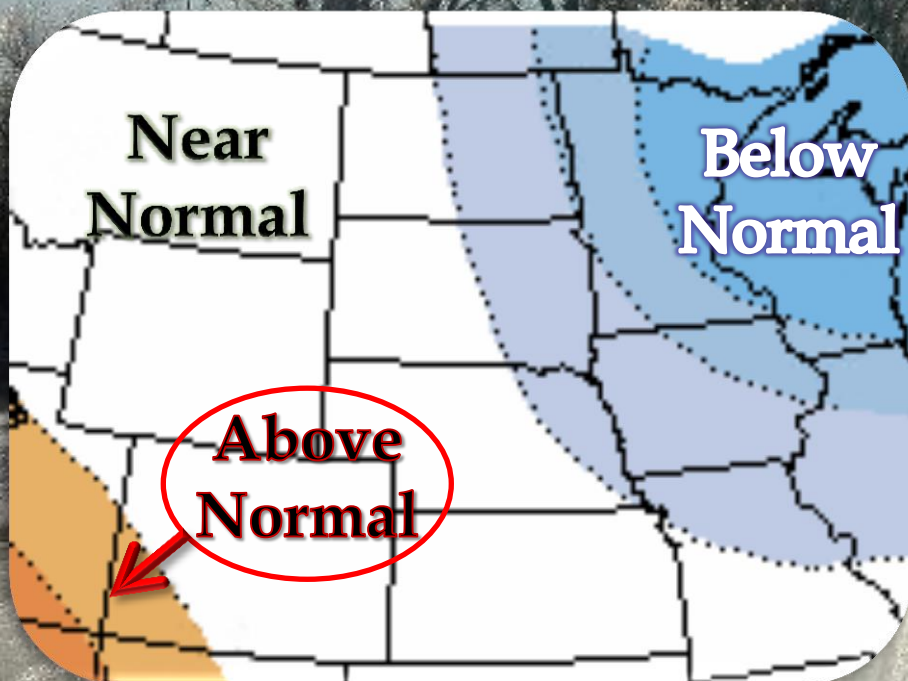


# Monthly Outlook

## March 2014

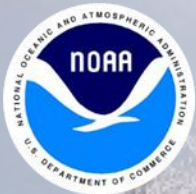


### Temperature



### Precipitation



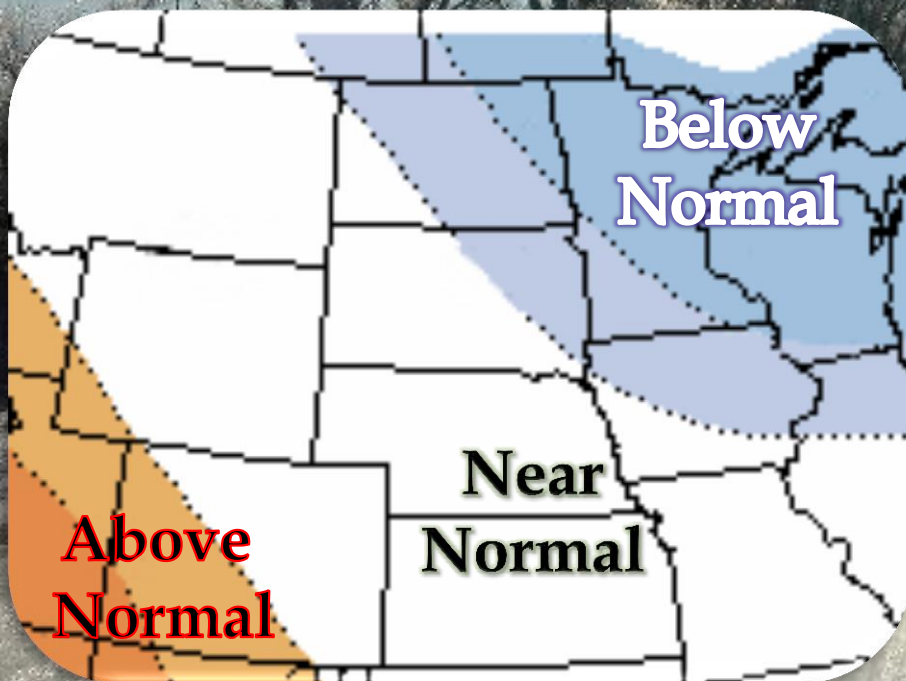


# Three Month Outlook

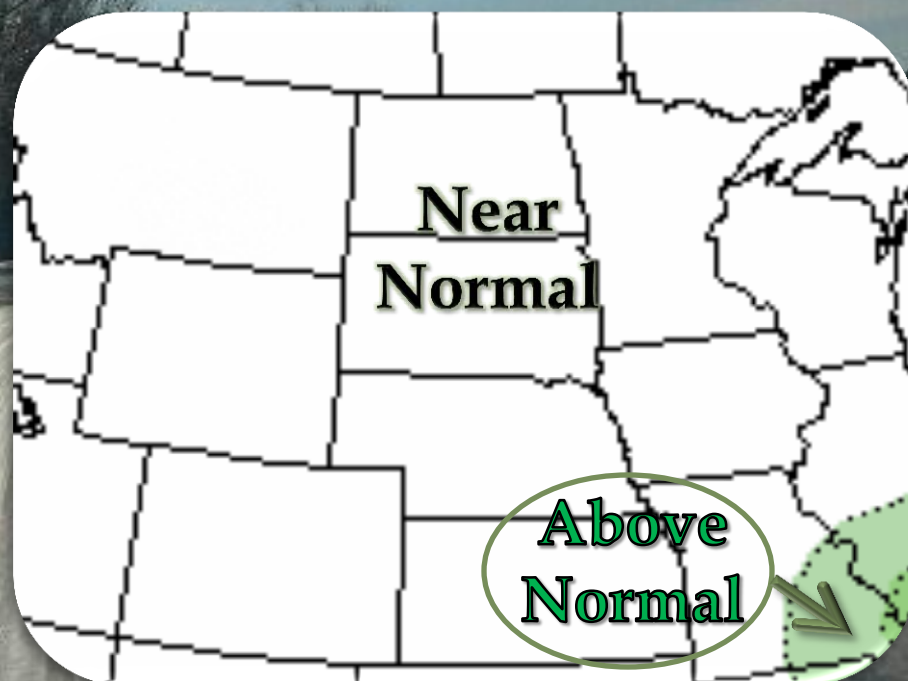
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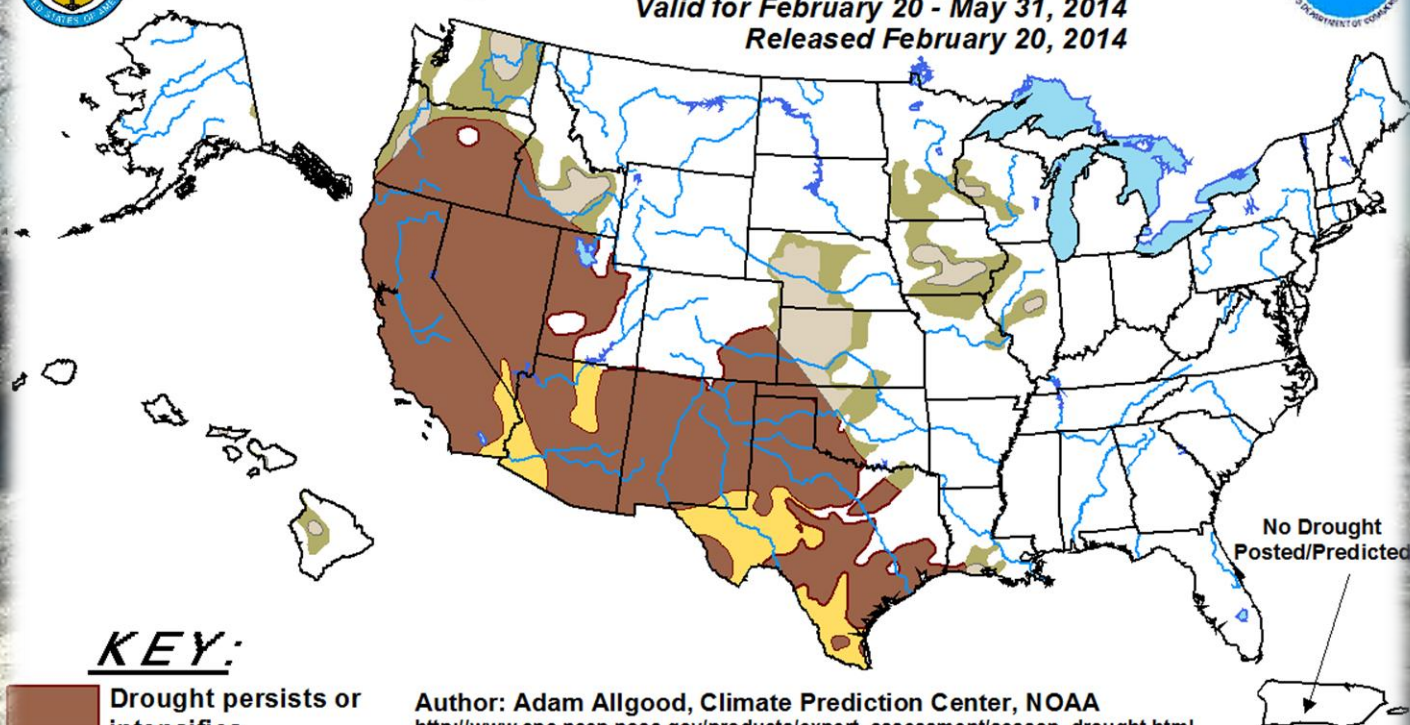
# Drought Outlook

## February 20, 2014 – May 31, 2014







### U.S. Seasonal Drought Outlook

Drought Tendency During the Valid Period  
Valid for February 20 - May 31, 2014  
Released February 20, 2014



#### KEY:

-  Drought persists or intensifies
-  Drought remains but improves
-  Drought removal likely
-  Drought development likely

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[http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/expert\\_assessment/season\\_drought.html](http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/expert_assessment/season_drought.html)

Depicts large-scale trends based on subjectively derived probabilities guided by short- and long-range statistical and dynamical forecasts. Short-term events -- such as individual storms -- cannot be accurately forecast more than a few days in advance. Use caution for applications -- such as crops -- that can be affected by such events. "Ongoing" drought areas are approximated from the Drought Monitor (D1 to D4 intensity). For weekly drought updates, see the latest U.S. Drought Monitor.

NOTE: The tan area areas imply at least a 1-category improvement in the Drought Monitor intensity levels by the end of the period although drought will remain.

The Green areas imply drought removal by the end of the period (D0 or none)





# Summary



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